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| In re: Application of: | Hakim |
| Serial No.: | 09/138,588 |
| Filing Date: | 8/21/98 |
| For: | No Spill Drinking Cup Apparatus |
| Examiner: | Joseph M. Moy |
| Art Unit: | 3727 |
| Attorney Docket No.: | 4009.007 |

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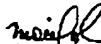
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Amendment and Response

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 10 line 6, please change "thermo-elastimer" to -thermoelastomer-...

In the Claims:

Please amend the pending claims and add new Claims 31- 32 as follows:

1. (Once Amended) An apparatus for use in a no-spill drinking cup, said apparatus comprising: a valve holder, such valve holder comprising at least one valve and a blocking element, said valve comprising a flexible material, said blocking element comprising an area of material which is impenetrable to the flow of liquid, said valve further comprising a slit through said flexible